

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-43, 45-47, 49-51, 53-55 and 57 remain pending in the application.

Withdrawal of Finality of Previous Rejection

As stated in the detailed action on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the previous outstanding rejection and newly issued a restriction requirement. Since this restriction requirement is being presented for the first time, it is submitted that the Office Action should not have been made final as indicated on the Office Action Summary.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, including claims 1, 3-12, 14-40 and 57. This election is made with traverse as set forth below.

The invention defined by the Examiner as Group II, including claims 41-43, 45-47 and 49-51 is directed to an information distribution system connecting a primary information providing unit for providing primary information, a quoted information providing unit providing quoted information quoted by the primary

information and an information display unit displaying provided information, as stated by the Examiner. Meanwhile, the invention defined by the Examiner's Group I, as mentioned above, is directed to an information distributing method and apparatus for distributing information via a communication path to an information user unit from a first information providing resource unit and a second information providing resource unit as stated by the Examiner.

Therefore, Groups I and II have a common technical feature and have common subject matter and satisfy the requirements of unity of invention. Similarly, the invention defined by the Examiner's Group III, including claims 53-55, directed to a quoted information providing apparatus providing quoted information quoted from a primary information displayed by an information display unit to the information unit. As such, Group III is a sub-combination of Groups I and II. Therefore, it is submitted that Groups I-III satisfy the unity of invention requirement. In other words, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all of the claims should be examined. Reconsideration is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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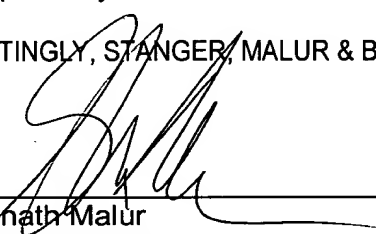
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Conclusion

Examination of the elected claims is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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